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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application by the Examiner,
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 and enter new Claims 21-24 as follows:

- 1.(Once amended) A device for the rapid detection of allergen-specific IgE in a sample obtained from an animal, said device comprising:
- (a) a first member comprising a porous member having a sample receiving area, wherein said porous member is spotted with at least one mixture of allergens and a control spot; and
- (b) a support member that is in direct contact with the first member.